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The Honorable Claire McCaskill  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-6350

Dear Senator McCaskill:

Thank you for your June 19, 2013 letter regarding National Guard contracts for the coordination of mental health services.

In September 2010, the National Guard awarded a two-year, \$17 million contract for mental health services at Air National Guard Wings to Optimization Consulting Inc. (OCI). In March 2013, the National Guard awarded a new, \$200 million contract for mental health services at National Guard bases, including Air National Guard Wings, to Goldbelt Glacier Healthcare Service, LLC, a subsidiary of Goldbelt Inc., an Alaska Native Corporation. According to information received by the Subcommittee, the contract with OCI officially ended on September 28, 2012, but was extended six times in one-month increments due to a protest. Goldbelt Glacier Healthcare Services began performance of the new contract on March 21, 2013, one week before the end of the last OCI contract extension.

Enclosed are two compact disks with files addressing the 23 items requested in your letter. Please note the enclosed documents contain information exempt from the disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). The National Guard Bureau provides these documents with a full reservation of rights and with the understanding and intent that providing the material shall not be deemed a waiver of any applicable privilege. The National Guard Bureau respectfully requests the documents be shared only within the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee and then only with those who have an official need for the information, that the documents not be disclosed outside the Committee or to the public, that appropriate steps be taken to safeguard these documents, and that the documents be destroyed after use.

Thank you for your support of the National Guard. We look forward to discussing this matter with you in greater detail once you have had the opportunity review the documents. If you have any questions about the enclosures, please contact Lieutenant Colonel Brett Robinson, National Guard Legislative Liaison, at [brett.b.robinson.mil@mail.mil](mailto:brett.b.robinson.mil@mail.mil) or (703) 614-4798.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank J. Grass", is positioned above the typed name.

Frank J. Grass  
General, U.S. Army  
Chief, National Guard Bureau

2 Enclosures